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SUBJECT: RHODESIAN SANCTIONS: RISCO CASE

REF: USUN 2339

1. SUNDAY TIMES ON JULY 7 CARRIED ARTICLE, "UN TO HEAR RHODESIAN STEEL DEAL EVIDENCE," CLAIMING THAT ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 10, UN SANCTIONS COMMITTEE WILL BE GIVEN INFORMATION "WHICH SUGGESTS" THAT THE AUSTRIAN STATE-OWNED STEEL COMPANY, VOEST, HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN SANCTIONS EVADING DEALS WITH RHODESIA. INFORMATION REPORTEDLY COMES FROM TWO SOCIAL DEMOCRATS FROM FRG, DIETER SCHINZEL AND UWE LAMBINUS. ARTICLE CLAIMS THAT RISCO IS MAKING CAPITAL EXPANSION THROUGH A COMPLEX SERIES OF SECRET DEALS INVOLVING EUROPEAN AND AMERICAN COMPANIES, ALTHOUGH NO AMERICAN FIRMS WERE MENTIONED BY NAME.

2. THROUGH USE OF CODE NAMES SAEPI ONE AND SAEPI TWO VOEST REPORTEDLY ASSISTED RISCO IN MODERNIZATION OF QUE UNCLASSIFIED

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QUE STEEL PLANT AND IN CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW STEEL

FACTORY USING THE LD PROCESS, A VOEST PATENT.

3. ACCORDING TO SUNDAY TIMES, TWO GERMAN MPS BELIEVE SEVERAL SUB-CONTRACTORS AROUND EUROPE HAVE ALSO BEEN WORKING ON THESE PROJECTS WHICH, UNKNOWN TO THEM, ARE INTENDED FOR RHODESIA. THE GERMAN MPS HOPE THAT BY MAKING CODE NAMES FOR PROJECTS PUBLIC, FURTHER INFORMATION WILL BE FORTHCOMING.

4. IN RESPONSE TO SUNDAY TIMES' QUESTION, VOEST DIRECTORS DENIED THEY HAD HELPED RISCO. AUSTRIAN PUBLIC PROSECUTOR IS ALSO REPORTED AS HAVING SAID HE COULD NOT OBTAIN A WARRANT TO SEARCH VOEST PREMISES BECAUSE NO OFFENSE APPEARED TO HAVE BEEN COMMITTED.

5. COPIES OF ARTICLE BEING POUCED DEPARTMENT FOR AF AND USUN.

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